



## PRESS RELEASE

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# VLM Airlines returns to the legendary route between Antwerp and London City Airport on 30<sup>th</sup> October

3-4 daily services on weekdays and 2 daily flights on Sundays

**After an absence of more than nine years, VLM Airlines will be flying again on the historic route between Antwerp Airport and London City Airport. Seats are already on sale via the travel agents.**

Since 1993 Antwerp and London are linked with a direct flight, first by VLM Airlines (from 1993 until 2008) then Cityjet. Earlier this month Cityjet announced that it is to quit its activities on the route with effect from 27th October 2017.

Marcel Buelens, CEO of Antwerp & Ostend-Bruges Airports, is delighted that VLM Airlines will be flying between both cities and thus will ensure the continuity of the route for frequent travellers: *“The Antwerp-London City route is of great importance because it directly links two of the most important economic centres in Europe. The route has proven to be the fastest travel alternative for both Business people as leisure passengers wanting to travel between these two cities as both airports offer short check-in times, short walking distances and are both located close to the city centres.”*

Richard Hill, Chief Commercial Officer at London City Airport, said: *“We welcome the return of VLM Airlines to London City to operate this speedy and convenient Antwerp route, which is the only connection between a UK airport to Belgium’s second largest city. The link is particularly valued by frequent flyers on business, and VLM’s commencement of services on 30 October ensures business as usual for passengers.”*

The VLM Airlines services between London City Airport and Antwerp will commence on 30<sup>th</sup> October. On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays there will be three daily services in each direction and on Thursdays and Fridays four daily services. On Sundays VLM Airlines will operate two return flights.

Seats can already be booked via the travel agents. Soon the online booking facility will also be available on the new website.

In the following days VLM Airlines will announce further details about its Winter flying programme 2017-2018.

### About VLM Airlines

The Belgian company SHS Antwerp Aviation N.V. is a subsidiary of the Dutch investment company SHS Aviation B.V. SHS Aviation B.V. is owned for 60% by Dutch and for 40% by Canadian investors. The Slovenian airline VLM Airlines d.d. is a subsidiary of SHS Antwerp Aviation.

Both SHS Antwerp Aviation N.V. and VLM Airlines d.d. are developing airline activities under the common trading name 'VLM Airlines'.

SHS Antwerp Aviation is the successor to VLM Airlines N.V. that ceased all its activities on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. In September 2016, SHS Aviation acquired the remaining aircraft and all other assets of VLM Airlines N.V.

At this moment VLM Airlines employs 55 aviation professionals and has a fleet of 6 Fokker 50 turboprop aircraft. Each aircraft can carry 50 passengers. Three Fokker 50s are on the Slovenian AOC.

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### **New Scheduled VLM Airlines Flights Commencing on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

<b>Route</b>	<b>Departure</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Days of operation*</b>
Antwerp -London City Airport	07:00	07:10	12345--
Antwerp -London City Airport	10:20	10:10	---45--
Antwerp -London City Airport	11:55	12:05	12-----
Antwerp -London City Airport	14:15	14:25	--345-7
Antwerp -London City Airport	17:50	18:00	12345--
Antwerp -London City Airport	18:10	18:20	-----7
London City Airport - Antwerp	07:40	09:40	12345--
London City Airport - Antwerp	11:40	13:40	---45--
London City Airport - Antwerp	12:35	14:35	12-----
London City Airport - Antwerp	14:55	16:55	--345-7
London City Airport - Antwerp	18:30	20:30	12345-7

\* 1 = Monday, 2= Tuesday, 3 = Wednesday, 4 = Thursday, 5 = Friday, 6 = Saturday and 7 = Sunday.

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